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FOR DANIEL HAMMOND, FHWA TEAM

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SUBJECT: ACTING FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR'S
LETTER TO MINISTER OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT

REFERENCE: TEHRAN 2753

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING LETTER, DATED 4/6/77, FROM
ACTING FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR TO H.E. FARAHBAKHSIAN

QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER: WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF
YOUR MARCH 16, 1977, LETTER INFORMING US THAT YOU ARE
WILLING TO NEGOTIATE AN EXTENSION TO THE PRESENT
IRANIAN MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT/U.S. FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) ADVISORY TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. WE ARE AGREEABLE TO A MODIFICATION
AND AN EXTENSION OF THE FHWA MISSION IN IRAN BASED ON
THE TERMS INCLUDED IN THE ADVISORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
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AGREEMENT ENCLOSED WITH MR. LINDBERG'S JANUARY 19, 1977,
LETTER TO YOU.

2. WE MUST ADVISE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE NOT IN
A POSITION TO COMMIT THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS BY NAME TO
THE TWO-YEAR EXTENDED PERIOD AS YOU REQUESTED. IN
AGREEING TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE FHWA ADVISORY

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM, THE PRESENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED AGREED TO ONLY A TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT FOR THEIR SERVICES. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM WHICH YOU REQUEST REMAIN IN IRAN WILL IN FACT BE WILLING TO EXTEND THEIR PRESENT ASSIGNMENT. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ASK THESE INDIVIDUALS TO EXTEND THEIR PRESENT ASSIGNMENT IN IRAN.

3. BASED ON THESE CONDITIONS, WE WOULD AGREE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL WITH THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES REQUIRED IN THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, BRIDGE, AND EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST TECHNICAL AREAS. IF THE PRESENT MISSION PERSONNEL DO NOT AGREE TO EXTEND THEIR PRESENT ASSIGNMENTS, ANY NEW PERSONNEL WOULD BE SUBJECT TO YOUR REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE.

4. IF YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH OUR PROPOSAL, WE WILL PLAN TO HAVE MR. WALTER B. MCKENDRICK IN IRAN DURING THE LATTER PART OF APRIL TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF THE MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT.
SIGNED L.P. LAMM, ACTING FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR.
END QUOTE.
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